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RE: Online Continuing Education Requirements.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 10, 2020, the SOMB voted to temporarily modify our standards regarding the number of online continuing education credits each provider is allowed to accrue for renewal of certification purposes. This temporary modification will affect Section 2XIII(A)(d) for certified psychosexual evaluators and Section 3XVII(A)(d) for sexual offender treatment providers. Certified post-conviction polygraphers are not limited by the manner in which continuing education credits are obtained.

SOMB standards state “Any on-line education must be from a recognized accredited educational institution, and no more than 10 hours of continuing education credits obtained from such on-line educational resources shall count toward the biennial 40 hour continuing education requirement.” The Board voted to temporarily modify this standard to allow psychosexual evaluators and treatment providers to obtain up to 20 hours of continuing education credits through on-line educational resources to count toward the biennial 40 hour continuing education requirements. This temporary modification will be in effect until October 31, 2020. The Board reserves the right to make any changes to this modification at any time.

While the Board has suspended certification renewals during the Governor’s emergency declaration, providers are encouraged to continue to attend trainings to meet continuing education requirements. This modification offers providers flexibility in receiving training to meet the continuing

education requirement for renewal when the Board's renewal process is reinstated.

The Board continues to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the certification and services of certified providers. If you have any comments, concerns or questions regarding this change, you can email the SOMB at somb.idoc.idaho.gov.

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